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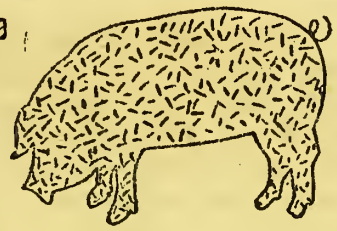

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PIG CROP REPORT, JUNE 1953

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report of sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from about 128,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP (December 1 - June 1)				FALL PIG CROP (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 % of 1952	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 % of 1952
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
SOWS FARROWING								
United States	9,145	8,493	7,449	88	5,688	5,318 1/	5,054	95
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	6,876	6,495	5,961	92	3,721	3,807 1/	3,797	100
PIGS SAVED								
United States	57,506	56,357	50,726	90	36,734	35,355	2/33,500	95
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	43,725	43,496	40,926	94	24,380	25,554	2/25,500	100
PIGS PER LITTER	Number				Number			
United States	6.30	6.64	6.81		6.46	6.65		
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	6.37	6.70	6.87		6.56	6.71		
	PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY (Year ended Dec. 1)				HOGS OVER 6 MONTHS ON FARMS June 1			
	Average 1942-51	1952	1953 3/	1953 % of 1952	Average 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 % of 1952
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
United States	94,240	91,712	84,226	92	26,305	22,565	19,375	86
N.Cent.States(Corn Belt)	68,105	69,050	66,426	96	16,611	15,115	12,912	85

1/ 1953 fall farrowings are indicated from breeding intentions reports.
2/ Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of fall pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.
3/ Spring pig crop plus indicated number of fall pigs.

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PIG CROP REPORT - JUNE 1953

The 1953 spring pig crop totaled 50,726,000 head, a decrease of 10 percent from last spring, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The number of sows farrowing this spring was 13 percent below last spring. The number of pigs saved per litter is the highest on record. For the coming fall crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 5,054,000 sows to farrow, 5 percent below the number farrowing last fall. The combined 1953 spring and fall pig crop is now expected to be about 84 million head. This would be 8 percent below 1952, and 11 percent below the 1942-51 average.

The number of hogs six months old and over on farms and ranches June 1 was 14 percent below last year and 26 percent below the 10-year average.

This report is based upon a survey of about 128,000 farms and ranches. Returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

Spring Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the spring season of 1953 (December 1, 1952 to June 1, 1953) is estimated at 50,726,000 head. This is 5,631,000 head or 10 percent smaller than the spring crop last year and is the smallest since 1948. It is 12 percent smaller than the 10-year average.

Compared with 1952, the spring pig crop is down in all regions. The East North Central region is down 4 percent; West North Central, 7 percent; North Atlantic, 12 percent; South Atlantic, 14 percent; West, 29 percent and South Central, 32 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the spring of 1953 is estimated at 7,449,000 head or 12 percent smaller than last year and 19 percent smaller than the 10-year average. The 1953 spring farrowings are about 1 percent higher than indicated by farmers' reports on intentions last December. Three regions, the North Atlantic, East North Central and West North Central show more spring sows farrowing than intended last December. The percentages that the 1953 spring farrowings are of last year, as shown in the December report, and as now estimated are as follows: North Atlantic, December 86 percent and June 87 percent; East North Central, 90 and 93; West North Central, 90 and 91; South Atlantic, 85 and 84; South Central, 70 and 67; West, 70 and 67.

The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.81 is the highest on record for the spring pig crop. This is 3 percent more than the previous spring high of 6.64 pigs saved in 1952. Weather conditions over most of the important hog producing States were very favorable during the spring farrowing season and rising hog prices encouraged better care. The 1953 average litter sizes were greater than 1952 in all regions and are as follows: North Atlantic, 6.92, up .09 from last year; East North Central, 6.90, up .18; West North Central, 6.84, up .16; South Atlantic, 6.54, up .16; South Central, 6.55, up .08; and West, 6.59, up .36.

Hog producers continued the trend toward earlier farrowings which began in 1949. The monthly distribution of farrowings in the 1953 spring season shows an increase in the percentage of litters from January through March and decreases in December, April and May. The percentage of sows farrowing each month during the 1953 spring season compared with the same month of the previous season is as follows: December 1952, 3.0 percent, compared with 3.1 percent in December 1951; January 1953, 6.0, compared with 5.7; February, 14.4 and 14.2; March, 28.9 and 28.1; April, 30.4 and 30.5; and May, 17.3 and 18.4

Fall 1953 Intentions: Reports on breeding intentions indicate that 5,054,000 sows will farrow in the fall of 1953. This is 264,000 sows or 5 percent less than

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SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1944-53 - UNITED STATES

Year	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pigs Saved		
	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Spring (Dec. 1- June 1)	Fall (June 1- Dec. 1)	Year (Dec. 1- Dec. 1)
	Thousand head				Thousand head		
1944	9,246	4,882	6.03	6.33	55,754	30,905	86,659
1945	8,302	5,429	6.29	6.38	52,216	34,611	86,827
1946	8,077	4,704	6.46	6.49	52,191	30,503	82,694
1947	8,548	4,866	6.11	6.39	52,199	31,090	83,289
1948	7,833	5,070	6.44	6.58	50,468	33,358	83,826
1949	8,820	5,568	6.46	6.52	56,969	36,275	93,244
1950	9,174	5,923	6.31	6.65	57,935	39,404	97,339
1951	9,591	6,032	6.47	6.60	62,007	39,804	101,811
1952	8,493	5,318	6.64	6.65	56,357	35,355	91,712
1953	7,449	1/5,054	6.81	2/6.65	50,726	2/33,500	3/84,226

1/Fall farrowings indicated from breeding intentions reports.
2/Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of fall pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.
3/Spring pig crop plus indicated number of fall pigs.

HOGS OVER 6 MONTHS OLD ON FARMS, JUNE 1, 1944-53, UNITED STATES AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES

Year	United States	N. Central States	Year	United States	N. Central States
	Thousand head			Thousand head	
1944	34,500	20,866	1949	21,950	13,830
1945	25,566	16,147	1950	22,419	14,448
1946	22,699	13,987	1951	24,285	16,380
1947	23,581	15,227	1952	22,565	15,115
1948	22,955	14,370	1953	19,375	12,912

SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, SPRING, UNITED STATES

Year	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	Thousand head						
1942-51 av.	323	435	931	2,495	3,202	1,759	9,145
1951	288	491	1,237	2,752	3,103	1,720	9,591
1952	267	480	1,201	2,390	2,589	1,566	8,493
1953	222	446	1,075	2,154	2,267	1,285	7,449
	Percent of total spring sows farrowing						
1942-51 av.	3.5	4.7	10.2	27.3	35.1	19.2	100.0
1951	3.0	5.1	12.9	28.7	32.4	17.9	100.0
1952	3.1	5.7	14.2	28.1	30.5	18.4	100.0
1953	3.0	6.0	14.4	28.9	30.4	17.3	100.0

1/December of preceding year.

State and Division	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)			
	10-yr. av. 1942-51	1952	1953	1953 as % of 1952	10-yr. av. 1942-51	1952	1/ 1953	1953 as % of 1952
	(000)	(000)	(000)		(000)	(000)	(000)	
Me.	6	4	4	95	5	3	3	91
N.H.	2	2	1	74	2	2	1	81
Vt.	3	2	2	85	2	2	2	100
Mass.	14	12	10	83	10	10	10	100
R.I.	1	1	1	83	1	1	1	100
Conn.	5	3	2	80	4	3	3	86
N.Y.	32	28	23	82	25	18	16	90
N.J.	16	16	14	88	11	9	9	100
Pa.	85	89	79	89	80	70	63	90
N.A.	164	157	136	87	139	118	108	91
Ohio	437	430	413	96	382	347	354	102
Ind.	583	615	572	93	536	563	563	100
Ill.	931	948	901	95	594	625	625	100
Mich.	125	122	102	84	101	88	84	95
Wis.	335	327	294	90	179	172	172	100
N.C.E.	2,412	2,442	2,282	93	1,792	1,795	1,798	100
Minn.	719	627	571	91	264	293	290	99
Iowa	1,996	1,900	1,786	94	810	980	1,000	102
Mo.	517	480	461	96	443	403	391	97
N.Dak.	138	90	76	84	22	14	12	88
S.Dak.	363	320	275	86	60	57	57	100
Nebr.	521	476	400	84	181	161	161	100
Kans.	209	160	110	69	150	104	88	85
N.C.W.	4,463	4,053	3,679	91	1,929	2,012	1,999	99
N.C.	6,876	6,495	5,961	92	3,721	3,807	3,797	100
Del.	4	5	4	81	4	5	4	94
Md.	31	33	31	94	29	27	25	93
Va.	92	98	77	79	89	80	72	90
W.Va.	24	19	15	80	26	16	14	88
N.C.	138	170	139	82	113	114	96	84
S.C.	82	80	60	75	76	75	62	83
Ga.	206	235	202	86	186	192	173	90
Fla.	93	81	76	94	74	57	51	90
S.A.	670	721	604	84	597	566	497	88
Ky.	172	141	106	75	146	100	90	90
Tenn.	157	151	103	68	143	109	86	79
Ala.	130	143	110	77	127	127	100	79
Miss.	112	83	51	61	92	70	51	73
Ark.	120	80	44	55	98	49	35	72
La.	110	73	51	70	90	55	42	77
Okla.	119	93	51	55	109	58	40	69
Tex.	218	140	87	62	201	116	90	78
S.C.	1,136	904	603	67	1,006	684	534	78
Mont.	35	26	16	62	22	13	10	77
Idaho	40	25	14	56	27	14	9	64
Wyo.	12	8	5	65	9	5	4	80
Colo.	50	36	21	58	35	23	20	87
N.Mex.	12	7	6	80	8	5	5	95
Ariz.	4	3	2	80	3	2	2	90
Utah	15	10	8	80	11	5	4	90
Nev.	4	3	2	70	2	2	2	90
Wash.	27	15	12	80	21	14	11	78
Oreg.	28	21	13	62	20	13	10	77
Calif.	72	62	46	74	65	47	41	87
West.	299	216	145	67	224	143	118	82
U.S.	9,145	8,493	7,449	88	5,688	5,318	5,054	95

1/Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State and Div.	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)							Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)	
	10-yr. av. 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)	1953 (000)	1953 as % of 1952	Pigs per litter 10-yr av. 1942-51	1953		10-yr. av. 1942-51 (000)	1952 (000)
Maine	38	31	28	90	6.6	7.0	6.7	36	20
N.H.	16	13	10	77	6.6	6.6	7.0	12	11
Vt.	20	14	12	86	6.8	7.0	7.3	17	12
Mass.	76	74	59	80	5.5	6.2	5.9	55	58
R.I.	6	4	3	75	5.8	6.5	6.3	5	3
Conn.	27	19	17	89	6.0	6.2	7.0	24	23
N.Y.	225	207	170	82	7.0	7.4	7.4	177	135
N.J.	102	96	90	94	6.3	6.0	6.4	72	59
Pa.	558	614	553	90	6.6	6.9	7.0	539	497
N.A.	1,068	1,072	942	88	6.52	6.83	6.92	936	818
Ohio	2,901	2,933	2,945	100	6.66	6.82	7.13	2,605	2,391
Ind.	3,813	4,182	4,004	96	6.55	6.80	7.00	3,548	3,750
Ill.	5,840	6,190	5,073	98	6.28	6.53	6.74	3,855	4,112
Mich.	841	843	713	85	6.74	6.91	6.99	684	616
Wis.	2,225	2,273	2,014	89	6.64	6.95	6.85	1,196	1,195
E.N. Cent.	15,620	16,421	15,749	96	6.49	6.72	6.90	11,888	12,064
Minn.	4,521	4,226	3,837	91	6.29	6.74	6.72	1,691	1,937
Iowa	12,704	12,939	12,484	96	6.37	6.81	6.99	5,249	6,635
Mo.	3,352	3,235	3,153	97	6.50	6.74	6.84	2,964	2,736
N.Dak.	881	603	521	86	6.40	6.70	6.85	137	95
S.Dak.	2,203	2,054	1,768	86	6.06	6.42	6.43	365	360
Nebr.	3,131	2,989	2,668	89	6.01	6.28	6.67	1,115	1,042
Kans.	1,312	1,029	746	72	6.30	6.43	6.78	971	685
N.C.W.	28,105	27,075	25,177	93	6.30	6.68	6.84	12,493	13,490
N.C.	43,725	43,496	40,926	94	6.37	6.70	6.87	24,380	25,554
Del.	26	36	30	83	6.4	6.7	7.0	28	30
Md.	202	228	208	91	6.5	6.9	6.7	194	184
Va.	587	657	539	82	6.4	6.7	7.0	597	536
W.Va.	169	139	110	79	7.0	7.3	7.3	180	117
N.C.	869	1,071	931	87	6.3	6.3	6.7	730	752
S.C.	468	480	360	75	5.8	6.0	6.0	459	472
Ga.	1,217	1,480	1,313	89	5.9	6.3	6.5	1,110	1,190
Fla.	478	510	464	91	5.2	6.3	6.1	396	342
S.A.	4,014	4,601	3,955	86	6.00	6.38	6.54	3,694	3,623
Ky.	1,115	945	721	76	6.5	6.7	6.8	988	690
Tenn.	988	997	690	69	6.3	6.6	6.7	948	730
Ala.	773	944	726	77	6.0	6.6	6.6	778	813
Miss.	598	490	311	63	5.4	5.9	6.1	515	420
Ark.	721	504	295	59	6.0	6.3	6.7	617	323
La.	576	438	291	66	5.3	6.0	5.7	482	319
Okla.	738	604	347	57	6.2	6.5	6.8	705	383
Tex.	1,324	924	566	61	6.1	6.6	6.5	1,260	742
S.Cent.	6,835	5,846	3,947	68	6.03	6.47	6.55	6,293	4,420
Mont.	225	177	115	65	6.4	6.8	7.2	141	91
Idaho	250	158	94	59	6.4	6.3	6.7	174	94
Wyo.	74	49	34	69	6.0	6.4	6.7	56	34
Colo.	293	216	132	61	5.9	6.0	6.3	220	150
N.Mex.	68	43	36	84	5.9	6.1	6.5	51	30
Ariz.	26	17	14	82	5.8	5.7	6.0	21	16
Utah	98	62	54	87	6.4	6.2	6.7	76	32
Nev.	21	17	12	71	6.0	6.1	6.0	12	12
Wash.	182	102	88	86	6.8	6.8	7.3	146	98
Oreg.	190	141	92	65	6.8	6.7	7.1	143	96
Calif.	437	360	285	79	6.0	5.8	6.2	391	287
West.	1,864	1,342	956	71	6.25	6.23	6.59	1,431	940
U.S.	57,506	56,357	50,726	90	6.30	6.64	6.81	36,734	35,355

SPRING - SOWS FARROWING - 1952

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by months						Percent of total					
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
N.Y.	28	1	2	3	10	8	4	3.7	7.2	10.7	34.4	29.7	14.3
Pa.	89	6	6	13	28	23	13	6.8	7.1	14.1	31.2	26.2	14.6
Other N. Atl. 1/	40	1	2	3	8	13	13	2.5	5.0	7.5	20.0	32.5	32.5
N. Atl.	157	8	10	19	46	44	30	5.1	6.4	12.1	29.3	28.0	19.1
Ohio	430	14	27	100	156	93	40	3.2	6.2	23.3	36.3	21.6	9.4
Ind.	615	15	54	168	210	110	58	2.5	8.8	27.3	34.1	17.9	9.4
Ill.	948	14	35	118	286	305	190	1.5	3.7	12.4	30.2	32.2	20.0
Mich.	122	2	4	12	36	42	26	1.9	3.2	9.5	29.5	34.2	21.7
Wis.	327	4	7	34	104	117	61	1.3	2.1	10.5	31.8	35.8	18.5
E.N.Cent.	2,442	49	127	432	792	667	375	2.0	5.2	17.7	32.4	27.3	15.4
Minn.	627	7	8	48	165	228	171	1.1	1.3	7.7	26.4	36.3	27.2
Iowa	1,900	11	25	144	513	779	428	.6	1.3	7.6	27.0	41.0	22.5
Mo.	480	15	29	87	157	124	68	3.1	6.1	18.0	32.7	25.9	14.2
N.Dak.	90	---	---	2	16	40	32	.2	.3	2.0	17.2	44.7	35.6
S.Dak.	320	---	1	11	62	144	102	.1	.4	3.4	19.2	45.1	31.8
Nebr.	476	5	9	34	121	195	112	1.1	1.9	7.2	25.5	40.9	23.4
Kans.	160	6	9	24	51	45	25	3.6	5.8	14.9	31.7	28.0	16.0
W.N.Cent.	4,053	44	81	350	1,085	1,555	938	1.1	2.0	8.6	26.8	38.4	23.1
N.Cont.	6,495	93	208	782	1,877	2,222	1,313	1.4	3.2	12.1	28.9	34.2	20.2
Del. & Md.	38	2	5	8	10	8	5	5.2	13.2	21.1	26.3	21.0	13.2
Va.	98	8	9	25	29	17	10	8.1	9.2	25.7	29.7	17.3	10.0
W.Va.	19	1	1	2	6	6	3	4.9	4.9	13.3	32.4	30.3	14.2
N.C.	170	14	28	40	41	26	21	8.1	16.1	23.7	24.1	15.5	12.5
S.C.	80	11	15	17	16	12	9	13.5	19.1	20.8	19.9	15.6	11.1
Ga.	235	25	39	55	56	33	27	10.7	16.7	23.5	23.7	14.1	11.3
Fla.	81	13	16	17	15	13	7	15.7	20.0	20.6	18.7	16.1	8.9
S. Atl.	721	74	113	164	173	115	82	10.3	15.7	22.7	24.0	15.9	11.4
Ky.	141	8	14	32	45	26	16	5.7	10.0	22.3	32.0	18.5	11.5
Tenn.	151	12	20	34	40	26	19	7.9	13.4	22.5	26.4	17.5	12.3
Ala.	143	15	24	34	31	23	16	10.5	16.5	23.6	21.6	16.4	11.4
Miss.	83	8	12	16	21	14	12	10.0	14.1	18.9	25.4	17.4	14.2
Ark.	80	7	14	16	20	14	9	9.1	18.0	19.7	25.3	17.4	10.5
La.	73	8	11	19	19	9	7	10.4	14.8	26.3	26.5	12.6	9.4
Okla.	93	8	10	17	28	20	10	8.5	10.3	18.5	30.5	22.0	10.2
Tex.	140	15	20	30	31	26	18	10.9	14.0	21.8	22.0	18.3	13.0
S.Cent.	904	81	125	198	235	158	107	9.0	13.8	21.9	26.0	17.5	11.8
Colo.	36	2	3	6	9	9	7	5.2	8.3	16.4	25.9	25.9	18.3
Wash.	15	---	1	2	7	4	1	3.2	4.3	14.1	45.4	24.2	8.8
Oreg.	21	1	3	5	6	4	2	4.9	11.9	26.0	28.9	19.2	9.1
Calif.	62	6	9	13	16	10	8	9.5	13.5	21.3	26.4	16.5	12.8
Other Western 2/	82	2	8	12	21	23	16	2.5	9.8	14.6	25.6	28.0	19.5
West.	216	11	24	38	59	50	34	5.1	11.1	17.6	27.3	23.2	15.7
U.S.	8,493	267	480	1,201	2,390	2,589	1,566	3.1	5.7	14.2	28.1	30.5	18.4

1/Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

2/Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

SPRING - SOWS FARROWING - 1953

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
		Thousands											
N.Y.	23	1	2	3	6	6	5	4.0	7.5	13.4	24.4	28.6	22.1
Pa.	79	6	8	13	24	17	11	7.5	9.8	16.7	30.2	21.5	14.3
Other N.Atl. 1/	34	---	2	3	9	11	9	---	5.9	8.8	26.5	32.3	26.5
N.Atl.	136	7	12	19	39	34	25	5.1	8.8	14.0	28.7	25.0	18.4
Ohio	413	10	31	92	154	93	33	2.5	7.5	22.3	37.2	22.5	8.0
Ind.	572	11	60	161	192	98	50	1.9	10.4	28.2	33.6	17.2	8.7
Ill.	901	13	33	123	287	292	153	1.4	3.7	13.6	31.9	32.4	17.0
Mich.	102	2	4	12	30	35	19	2.0	3.6	11.3	29.4	34.6	19.1
Wis.	294	2	9	32	97	100	54	.6	3.2	10.8	33.1	34.1	18.2
E.N.Cent.	2,383	38	137	420	760	618	309	1.7	6.0	18.4	33.3	27.1	13.5
Minn.	571	3	11	46	156	211	144	.6	1.9	8.0	27.3	36.9	25.3
Iowa	1,786	14	39	170	509	688	366	.8	2.2	9.5	28.5	38.5	20.5
Mo.	461	18	30	76	154	114	69	3.8	6.5	16.5	33.4	24.8	15.0
N.Dak.	76	---	---	2	12	35	27	---	.6	2.6	16.1	45.7	35.0
S.Dak.	275	1	2	9	54	125	84	.3	.7	3.2	19.6	45.4	30.8
Nebr.	400	2	8	29	103	170	88	.6	2.1	7.2	25.6	42.4	22.1
Kans.	110	5	8	17	35	29	16	4.7	6.9	15.5	31.6	26.4	14.9
W.N.Cent.	3,679	43	98	349	1,023	1,372	794	1.2	2.6	9.5	27.8	37.3	21.6
N.Cent.	5,961	81	235	769	1,783	1,990	1,103	1.4	3.9	12.9	29.9	33.4	18.5
Del. & Md.	35	3	6	7	9	6	4	8.6	17.2	20.0	25.7	17.1	11.4
Va.	77	6	10	17	22	16	6	7.6	13.5	22.1	28.8	20.8	7.2
W.Va.	15	1	1	2	5	4	2	4.4	5.5	13.0	36.7	25.5	14.9
N.C.	139	16	21	31	31	25	15	11.6	14.8	22.2	22.4	17.8	11.2
S.C.	60	9	12	12	10	11	6	14.3	20.5	19.6	16.9	18.7	10.0
Ga.	202	19	35	47	49	31	21	9.7	17.3	23.3	24.1	15.3	10.3
Fla.	76	14	15	16	13	11	7	17.7	19.9	21.3	17.4	14.3	9.4
S.Atl.	604	68	100	132	139	104	61	11.3	16.6	21.8	23.0	17.2	10.1
Ky.	106	7	10	25	35	18	11	6.3	9.3	23.8	33.4	16.6	10.6
Tenn.	103	10	12	20	26	20	15	9.7	11.8	19.6	24.8	19.5	14.6
Ala.	110	13	21	25	22	17	12	12.3	18.8	22.6	19.7	15.2	11.4
Miss.	51	5	8	10	13	9	6	9.3	14.8	20.3	25.6	18.3	11.7
Ark.	44	4	6	8	10	10	6	9.9	13.1	18.3	22.7	22.9	13.1
La.	51	6	8	11	13	7	6	11.9	15.7	21.4	25.7	13.3	12.0
Okla.	51	4	6	10	16	9	6	8.4	12.2	18.6	31.2	17.9	11.7
Tex.	87	10	15	17	20	14	11	11.4	17.0	20.2	22.5	15.6	13.3
S.Cent.	603	59	86	126	155	104	73	9.8	14.3	20.9	25.7	17.2	12.1
Colo.	21	1	1	3	5	6	5	6.6	6.7	13.4	23.1	28.4	21.8
Wash.	12	---	1	2	5	3	1	4.5	4.6	17.0	40.1	22.6	11.2
Oreg.	13	1	2	3	4	2	1	7.5	11.3	23.7	30.1	18.7	8.7
Calif.	46	5	6	10	11	9	5	11.3	13.1	21.7	24.5	19.5	9.9
Other Western 2/	53	---	3	11	13	15	11	---	5.7	20.7	24.5	28.3	20.8
Western	145	7	13	29	38	35	23	4.8	9.0	20.0	26.2	24.1	15.9
U.S.	7,449	222	446	1,075	2,154	2,267	1,285	3.0	6.0	14.4	28.9	30.4	17.3

1/Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Jersey.

2/Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

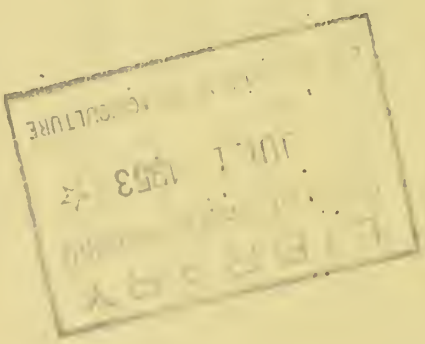
the number farrowing last fall. If these intentions are realized, the number of sows farrowing during the fall season (June 1 to December 1) would be the smallest since 1947. Compared with last year, all regions except the East North Central show decreases in the number of sows intended for fall farrow. The indicated decrease is the greatest in the South Central, being 22 percent; followed by the West, 18 percent South Atlantic, 12; North Atlantic, 9; and West North Central, 1. The East North Central showed no change from last year.

These estimated changes from last year are based on breeding intentions reported by farmers about June 1. The higher hog prices in relation to feed prices this spring have not stimulated as much interest in fall hog production as in past years. There are a number of factors which have caused hesitation on the part of producers to expand. Perhaps foremost of these factors is the uncertainty among farmers that the present favorable hog prices will prevail with the expectation of heavy marketings of cattle and calves. The disease, vesicular exanthema, is discouraging production in many areas. Farm slaughter of hogs has been on the decline for several years and there is less demand for hogs for this outlet.

If the intentions for fall farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1953 fall pig crop would be about 33.5 million head. This would be 5 percent smaller than the 1952 fall crop.

A combined pig crop for 1953, at 84.2 million head would be 8 percent smaller than last year and the smallest crop since 1948.

Hogs Over 6 Months Old on Farms June 1: The number of hogs 6 months old and over on farms June 1, including brood sows, was 19,375,000 head. This is 3,190,000 head, or 14 percent less than on June 1 last year. Compared with a year earlier, all regions showed decreases in the number of hogs 6 months old and over. The decrease in the number of hogs over 6 months old reflects the smaller number of pigs saved in the last half of 1952 compared with a year earlier. Sows held for fall farrowing represent a larger proportion of the June 1 inventory of hogs over 6 months old than last year. Thus, the June 1 supply for market in the next several months represents a relatively larger decrease compared with 1952 than indicated by total inventories on June 1.



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